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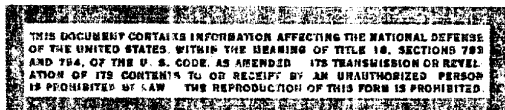
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1. [redacted] no definite information was yet available on organizational and personnel changes in the East German Government [redacted] in answer to a pertinent request, the office of Minister President Grotewohl denied the possibility of issuing an official list on appointments of minister and state secretaries. [redacted] in a number of cases, ADN had to ask the Grotewohl office for information on the names of new state secretaries which appeared in recent official dispatches and was required to have each name confirmed.

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2. [redacted] the LDP was not interested in furnishing another member of this party for the post of Minister of Supply, the filling of which seemed to be a matter of the greatest concern. The LDP stated that no suitable expert was available among the party ranks. Political quarters expressed the belief, however, that as a result of the difficult supply situation, the LDP probably feared to get entangled in a new Hamann case because this would make it possible for certain to liquidate this party.

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3. The reports by newspapers [redacted] on rivalries between Ulbricht and Grotewohl which would end in an exchange of offices were received with scepticism in Berlin. Blumenthal (fnu), an ADN agent at the government office, who was in daily contact with the offices of Ulbricht and Grotewohl, told source that there were no indications of these rivalries. He doubted that Ulbricht would couple his LDP official post as SED secretary general and powerful man behind the scenes with the critical post of minister president.

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